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Applicant: DAHLEN et al.

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ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROMES

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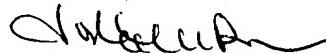
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002 ("Paper No. 5"), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10 and 20-21 without prejudice to their future prosecution. Please enter the following new claim:

22. (New) A method of determining a prognosis of a patient diagnosed with a non-ST-elevation acute coronary syndrome, the method comprising:

determining a level of a polypeptide originating from pre-pro B-type natriuretic peptide in a sample obtained from said patient; and

correlating said polypeptide level to said patient prognosis by determining if said polypeptide level is associated with a predisposition to an adverse outcome of said non-ST-